Sonoco Receives Abitibi-Consolidated Supplier Award

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., July 22 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- For a second time in three years, Sonoco (NYSE: SON) has received a Supplier of the Year Award from Abitibi-Consolidated, Inc., in the Operations and Production category. Abitibi-Consolidated is a major producer of wood products and a global leader in newsprint and uncoated groundwood.

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The award is given in appreciation of Sonoco's continuing efforts in building a partnership with Abitibi-Consolidated, and for providing excellence in the area of operations and production.

"Sonoco is honored to be recognized by Abitibi-Consolidated. Sonoco is committed to delivering superior products and exceptional service to every customer. We are pleased to have earned the trust of Abitibi-Consolidated and will continue to work to maintain it," said Ronald E. Holley, senior vice president.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $2.8 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 36 countries serving customers in some 85 nations. More information about the Company is available on its Web site at http://www.sonoco.com .

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